

**NORTHSTAR GLOBAL FLEXIBLE FUND**

A sub-fund of the Sanlam Global Funds plc

**NORTHSTAR**

MDD Issue Date: 17/09/2026

**FUND OBJECTIVE**

The objective of the portfolio is to deliver long-term capital growth by investing in various assets classes, predominantly in equity.

**FUND STRATEGY**

The fund will be managed with a bias towards global equities due to the superior long-term returns from this asset class. If prospective returns from equities are unattractive, exposure to other asset classes, such as real estate, bonds and cash will increase.

**FUND INFORMATION**

|                                |                                                                                                          |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Manager                        | Sanlam Asset Management (Ireland) Ltd                                                                    |
| Investment Manager             | Northstar Asset Management (Pty) Ltd                                                                     |
| Portfolio Manager              | Adrian Clayton & Mark Seymour                                                                            |
| Depository / Custodian         | Northern Trust Fiduciary Services (Ireland) Limited                                                      |
| Administrator                  | Northern Trust International Fund Administration Services (Ireland) Ltd                                  |
| Transfer agency                | Northern Trust International Fund Administration Services (Ireland) Ltd                                  |
| Domicile                       | Ireland                                                                                                  |
| Fund Classification            | EAA Fund USD Flexible Allocation                                                                         |
| Risk Profile                   | Medium to high                                                                                           |
| Base Currency                  | US Dollar                                                                                                |
| Benchmark                      | EAA Fund USD Flexible Allocation                                                                         |
| Fund Size                      | \$ 135 million                                                                                           |
| Unit Price                     | \$ 1.96 (Class A USD)                                                                                    |
| Portfolio Launch Date          | 1 June 2017                                                                                              |
| Minimum Investment             | \$ 1,000 (Class A USD)                                                                                   |
| Income Declaration Date        | The fund does not distribute income. Dividends and income are automatically added to the NAV of the fund |
| Portfolio Valuation Time       | Midnight South African time on each dealing day                                                          |
| Transaction Cut Off Time       | 4 PM (Irish time on the business day preceding a dealing day)                                            |
| Daily Price Information        | <a href="http://www.sanlam.ie">www.sanlam.ie</a>                                                         |
| Dealing / redemption frequency | Daily                                                                                                    |

**FEES**

|                            |                                                                                                                                                     |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Minimum Initial Advice Fee | 0% (up to 5% with intermediary charges if applicable) (Class A USD)                                                                                 |
| AIFM Fee                   | 0.10% (Class A USD)                                                                                                                                 |
| Investment Management Fee  | 1.25% (Class A USD)                                                                                                                                 |
| Performance Fee            | Not applicable                                                                                                                                      |
| Exit Fee                   | Not applicable                                                                                                                                      |
| Other allowed expenses     | Depository fees, custody fees, administration fees, director's fees, legal fees, audit fees, bank charges, regulatory fees, brokerage/trading fees. |
| Total Expense Ratio        | 1.55% (Class A USD)                                                                                                                                 |
| Transaction Cost           | 0.11% (Class A USD)                                                                                                                                 |
| Total Investment Charge    | 1.66% (Class A USD)                                                                                                                                 |

\*All fees are our best estimate because of the short life of the fund. Full details of fees, including the other classes available, are contained in the fund supplement, which can be obtained at [www.sanlam.ie](http://www.sanlam.ie)

**TOP TEN HOLDINGS**

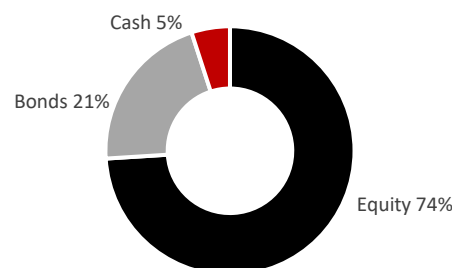
(at 30/06/2026)

**(%)**

|                                                    |       |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|
| NORTHSTAR GLOBAL EQUITY FUND CLASS D USD           | 20.19 |
| NORTHSTAR GLOBAL INCOME FUND A USD ACC             | 10.17 |
| SS SPDR BLOOMBERG GLOBAL AGGREGATE BOND UCITS ETF  | 3.04  |
| VISA INC COM CL A                                  | 2.54  |
| UNITED STATES OF AMER TREAS NOTE 4.25% 15/MAY/2035 | 2.39  |
| US. TSY. NOTE/BOND 4.00% 30/04/20322 USD K-2032    | 2.38  |
| MASTERCARD INCORPORATED CL A                       | 2.23  |
| MICROSOFT CORP COM                                 | 2.17  |
| ELEVANCE HEALTH INC                                | 2.05  |
| S&P GLOBAL INC COM                                 | 1.93  |

**ASSET ALLOCATION**

(at 30/06/2026)

**ANNUALISED PERFORMANCE (%)**

(at 31/08/2026)

| Fund Inception: 01 June 2017 | Fund  | Benchmark |
|------------------------------|-------|-----------|
| 1 Year                       | 6.98  | 12.15     |
| 3 Year                       | 10.95 | 10.42     |
| 5 Year                       | 10.35 | 8.95      |
| Since Inception              | 7.55  | 4.92      |

Source: Morningstar

**CUMULATIVE PERFORMANCE (%)**

| Fund Inception: 01 June 2017 | Fund  | Benchmark |
|------------------------------|-------|-----------|
| 1 Year                       | 6.98  | 12.15     |
| 3 Year                       | 36.59 | 34.64     |
| 5 Year                       | 48.30 | 40.90     |
| Since Inception              | 96.05 | 55.93     |

Source: Morningstar

**HIGHEST AND LOWEST ANNUAL RETURNS****On a 12-month rolling period since: 01/06/2017 to 31/08/2026**

|                  |        |
|------------------|--------|
| Highest Annual % | 29.82  |
| Lowest Annual %  | -19.50 |

Source: Morningstar

Past performance is not necessarily a guide to future performance

## RISK PROFILE

### Medium to high risk

While the manager may diversify across all asset classes, the fund is expected to be meaningfully invested in equities over time. This fund is deemed to be medium to high risk in relation to other asset classes due to its exposure to shares and stocks. The price of shares and the income from them may fall as well as rise and investors may not get back the amount they have invested.

Irish domestic law implementing EU and United Nations sanctions may limit or prohibit investment in certain markets and this may have an adverse impact on the operations of the Fund. Investing in international companies means that currency exchange rate fluctuations will have an impact on the Fund returns. Foreign currency shortages in some markets could reduce the fund's ability to repatriate funds. The investment manager aims to reduce the overall risk by their value and fundamental stance. Other risks are Settlement and Clearing Risk, Political Custody Risk, Legal Risk, Efficient Portfolio Management Risk, Reinvestment of Cash Collateral Risk and Securities Lending Risk. Further information regarding risk can be obtained by reference to the Prospectus and Supplement.

## GLOSSARY TERMS

### Annualised total returns

Annualised return is the weighted average compound growth rate over the period measured.

### Capital growth

Capital growth is the profit made on an investment, measured by the increase in its market value over the invested amount or cost price. It is also called capital appreciation.

### Equities

Equities are shares that represent an institution's or individual's ownership in a listed company. These shares are also the "vehicle" through which they are able to "share" in the profits made by that company. As the company grows, and the expectation of improved profits increases, the market price of the share will increase, which translates into a capital gain for the shareholder. Similarly, negative sentiment about the company will result in the share price falling.

Shares / equities are usually considered to have the potential for the highest return of all the investment classes but also have the highest level of risk i.e., share investments have the most volatile returns over the short term. An investment in equities should be viewed with a 7 to 10-year horizon.

### Undervalued equity stocks (Value investing approach)

This is a strategy of selecting shares that trade for less than their intrinsic values. Value investors actively seek stocks that they believe the market has undervalued. They believe the market overreacts to good and bad news, resulting in stock price movements that do not correspond with the company's actual long-term fundamentals. The result is an opportunity for value investors to profit by buying when the price is deflated.

### Securities

A general term for shares, bonds, money market instruments, and debentures.

### Collective investment scheme (CIS)

Collective investment schemes (also called unit trusts) are portfolios of assets such as equities, bonds, cash and listed property, in which investors can buy units. They allow private investors to pool their money together into a single fund, thus spreading their risk across a range of investments, getting the benefit of professional fund management, and reducing their costs.

### Total Expense Ratio (TER)

This is the total costs associated with managing and operating an investment (administration, financial planning and servicing fees). These costs consist primarily of management fees and additional expenses such as trading fees, legal fees, auditor fees and other operational expenses. The total cost of the fund is divided by the fund's total assets under management to arrive at a percentage amount, which represents the TER.

### Standard deviation

Standard deviation (also called monthly volatility) is a measure of how much returns on an investment change from month to month. It is typically used by investors to gauge the amount of expected volatility in an investment.

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## PORTFOLIO MANAGER COMMENT

### As at 30 June 2026

### Market Review:

The second quarter of 2026 has, in many respects, been the mirror image of the first. The oil shock and inflation fears that defined March receded following the ceasefire announcement, and Brent declined 29.8% over the quarter. Gold fell 13.7%, while the broader commodity index declined 8.1%. As the immediate tail risk faded, markets rapidly repriced away from scarcity and inflation beneficiaries and back towards growth, technology and risk assets. The reversal was swift, broad in headline terms, but highly concentrated beneath the surface.

Emerging markets led the recovery. The MSCI Emerging Markets Index delivered 24.2% for the quarter, materially outperforming the MSCI World Index at 13.9%. Korea and Taiwan were the standout performers, gaining approximately 87.6% and 49.0% respectively, driven by their central positions in the AI hardware supply chain. This was not, however, a uniform emerging-market rally: Indonesia declined 25.7%, Brazil fell 8.1%, and China declined 6.6%.

The same concentration was evident across sectors and investment styles. Information technology gained 33.7% and was the only sector to outperform the MSCI World Index's 13.9% return; industrials and financials both returned approximately 12.0%. Within information technology, the MSCI World Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment Industry Group Index rose 54.7%, after being broadly flat in Q1. The MSCI World Software Industry Index gained 5.2% after declining 23.8% in Q1, a modest improvement but still a material underperformance of both the technology sector and the broader market. Consumer staples and health care also lagged the market, returning 1.9% and 6.8% respectively. Energy, the sole sector to benefit from the first-quarter oil shock, declined 13.4%, while utilities and materials returned only 0.1% and 1.4% respectively. Momentum gained 34.2%, compared with Growth at 18.9%, Quality at 13.6%, and Value at 9.2%. The market rewarded stocks that were already rising, and the absence of a small number of semiconductor winners proved particularly costly.

Importantly, the quarter did not represent a complete reversal of the software sell-off. The physical infrastructure layer of AI performed exceptionally well, while parts of software and IT services remained under pressure. Despite the price action, short-term earnings expectations for US software have remained resilient, and there is still limited evidence of broad fundamental deterioration. In our view, the market is still pricing disruption faster than it is arriving. This does not mean that every software business will be a winner, but it reinforces the need to distinguish between short-term narrative risk and the durability of cash flows, competitive advantages, and returns on capital.

From a regional perspective, the S&P 500 returned 15.2% for the quarter, while Japan gained 14.2%, Europe 10.9%, and the UK 4.1%. Small caps returned 15.1% and large caps 14.3%, both outperforming mid caps at 10.9%. While this suggests that participation broadened, index concentration remains acute. At quarter-end, information technology represented approximately 30.3% of the MSCI World Index and its ten largest constituents accounted for over 25.0% of the index. Headline market returns therefore continue to be heavily influenced by a relatively narrow group of companies.

Currency markets were comparatively subdued. The US dollar strengthened modestly against most developed-market currencies, with the yen declining 2.2% and the euro 0.9%, while selected emerging-market currencies strengthened.

Fixed income markets were stable. The Bloomberg Global Aggregate returned 0.9%, global investment-grade credit gained 1.6%, global high yield returned 1.4%, and emerging-market debt gained 4.0%. Shorter-dated US Treasuries outperformed longer-duration bonds, reflecting the continued uncertainty around inflation and the path of monetary policy. The relative stability of bonds provided useful diversification in a quarter dominated by sharp rotations within equities and commodities.

From a Northstar perspective, the first half of 2026 is a useful reminder of how quickly market leadership can change. Energy and other capital-intensive sectors dominated the first quarter; semiconductors and momentum dominated the second. Our process is not designed to anticipate each short-term rotation. It is anchored in identifying companies that can compound cash flows at attractive rates, assessing the risks to those cash flows, and paying a price that provides an adequate long-term return.

### Fund Review:

The Northstar Global USD Flexible Fund returned 6.40% in Q2, underperforming the Morningstar peer group median return of 7.27%. On a grossed-up basis, the fund's equity component returned 8.69% in USD, compared with 13.90% for the MSCI World Index. Equity allocation added 0.26%, while stock selection detracted 5.45%. Most of this 5.45% stock-selection drag can be attributed to the portfolio's limited exposure to semiconductors and semiconductor equipment (-3.94%), with much of the remaining shortfall driven by the fund's overweight exposure to software. Fixed income performed well, returning 1.73% and contributing positively relative to the benchmark, while cash created a modest drag in a strong risk-on quarter.

From a stock-selection perspective, the largest positive contributors were Intertek (+1.36%), Palo Alto Networks (+0.84%), Elevance Health (+0.69%), ASML (+0.46%), and Samsung Electronics (+0.29%). The largest detractors were no exposure to Micron (-1.08%) and Advanced Micro Devices (-0.71%), together with Adobe (-0.85%), Cognizant (-0.72%), and Boston Scientific (-0.67%).

At a sector level, the underweights to energy, materials, and utilities contributed positively, as did stock selection in industrials. These benefits were more than offset by information technology, which detracted approximately 6.0%, together with financials, health care, and communication services. The quarter's underperformance was therefore primarily a function of stock selection and benchmark concentration, rather than asset allocation.

### Fund Positioning:

The fund's asset allocation remained broadly stable. Equity exposure increased modestly from 72.4% in April to 72.9% in early July, while fixed income exposure was reduced by approximately 1.4% and cash increased to 4.8%. The portfolio retains a diversified fixed income allocation across the Northstar Global Income Fund, the Global Aggregate, and a ladder of US Treasuries. We maintained no direct exposure to gold.

The strong market recovery narrowed the opportunity set, but it remains attractive. The probability-weighted intrinsic value discount on the global buy list declined from 38.4% in March to 29.6% in June, this remains above the long-term average of approximately 17.4%.

Portfolio activity reflected this valuation discipline. We increased exposure to Boston Scientific, Tencent, Booking Holdings, and Alibaba as their expected returns improved. Conversely, we reduced Intertek and Palo Alto Networks following exceptionally strong share-price performance, realising gains as their valuation discounts narrowed. These trades are not expressions of changing short-term narratives; they are the outcome of continuously comparing prospective returns across the global buy list.

Health care remains the largest sector overweight, followed by consumer discretionary, consumer staples, and financials. Information technology is the largest underweight, with further underweights to energy, materials, and utilities. The technology underweight widened during the quarter as semiconductor valuations rose sharply. This is not a thematic rejection of technology: Microsoft remains one of the fund's largest positions, and we continue to own selected businesses across software, semiconductors, and digital infrastructure.

## Portfolio Managers

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## Codes (Class A USD)

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|----------------------|----------------------------------|
| ISIN                 | IE00BD5NF328                     |
| Bloomberg            | NSGFLAU ID                       |
| Morningstar Category | EAA FUND USD FLEXIBLE ALLOCATION |
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## Client Service: Northstar Asset Management

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This is a Section 65 approved fund under the Collective Investment Schemes Control Act 45, 2002 (CISCA). Sanlam Collective Investments (RF) (Pty) Ltd is the South African Representative Office for this fund.

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